

April 3, 2017
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Salmon/Steelhead

BONUS FACTOID

The 14 adult spring Chinook counted at Bonneville Dam through March 29 is the 4th lowest since at least 1938. The fewest are the 2 fish counted through March 29, 1949.

Cowlitz River – 138 bank anglers kept 3 adult spring Chinook and 10 steelhead. 86 boat anglers kept 2 adult spring Chinook, 34 steelhead and released 2 steelhead.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 206 winter-run steelhead adults and 11 spring Chinook adults in five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 37 winter-run steelhead adults into the Cispus River near Yellow Jacket Creek and released eight spring Chinook adults into Lake Scanewa located in Randle.

Last week, Tacoma employees released 22 winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River located at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and three spring Chinook adults were released at Franklin Bridge in Packwood.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 14,600 cubic feet per second on Monday, April 3. Water visibility is four feet and water temperature is 43.5 F.

Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement Creel Summary

BANK ANGLERS

River		Date Range	# Anglers	Steelhead			Chinook			coho		
				HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd
Coweeman	b	3/27 - 4/2/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, EF	a	3/27 - 4/2/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama		3/27 - 4/2/17	30	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Total			30	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

BOAT ANGLERS

River		Date Range	# Anglers	Steelhead			Chinook			coho		
				HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd
Coweeman	b	3/27 - 4/2/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, EF	a	3/27 - 4/2/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama		3/27 - 4/2/17	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boat Total			9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals

Coweeman	b	3/27 - 4/2/17	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, EF	a	3/27 - 4/2/17	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Kalama		3/27 - 4/2/17	39		1	0	1		2	0	0	0	0

a - below Lewisville Park boat ramp, closed by permanent rule March 16 - April 15; above Lewisville Park boat ramp, closed by permanent rule March 16 - First Saturday in June

b - Coweeman River closed by permanent rule March 16th

Wind River – No effort.

Drano Lake – 2 boat anglers had no catch.

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - Fishing is slowly improving with 3 of the 245 anglers sampled (including 72 boats) catching and keeping a spring Chinook. Two fish were lower river and 1 upriver stock based on VSI.

In comparison, during the first 3 days of April 2016 we sampled 2,228 salmonid anglers (including 759 boats) with 469 adult spring Chinook!

Sturgeon

Lower Columbia mainstem - We did not sample any sturgeon anglers last week.

Walleye

Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam - 1 boat angler had no catch.

John Day Pool – Boat anglers are catching some walleye

Bass

John Day Pool – A couple boat anglers released a handful of bass.

2017 Lewis River Spring Chinook Sanctuary

Lower Boundary: Columbia River upstream of a line from the lower (north) end of Sauvie Island across to the downstream range marker (0.7 miles downstream of the Lewis River) and continuing along the wing jetty to the Washington Shore.

Red Buoy #4

Upper Boundary: Columbia River downstream of a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island through Red Buoy #4 to the Oregon Shore.

Orange Marker
atop Dolphin

Bachelor Island

Sauvie Island

Lewis River



Lewis River Area Fishing Closure

This rule will be in effect from March 1 to April 6, 2017

No angling is allowed within a closure area near the mouth of the Lewis River. This closure area is defined as: A line from a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island through USCG buoy Red #4 to the Oregon shore, downstream to a line from the lower (north) end of Sauvie Island across the Columbia River to the downstream range marker (0.7 miles downstream of the Lewis River) and continuing along the wing jetty to the Washington shore.